

The MASCA Connection

President's Message

Greetings to everyone.

I hope you all are having a great summer.

MASCA finished our business year on June 30, 2013. We had a very busy last quarter of our year, with two conferences, elections of officers, scholarships, and awards.

In April ballots were sent to all members for our bi-annual election of officers. The new slate of officers was sworn in on June 12, 2013 (although according to the by-laws they didn't officially take office until July 1).

In May MASCA held our second "Hope and Help for Justice Involved Veterans" conference in Albany, NY. Please see the story

in this edition of the *MASCA Connection* for more details.

From June 9 through 12, 2013, MASCA members gathered in Ocean City, Maryland, for the 75th Annual MASCA Conference. The weather was beautiful, the program was full, the food was great, the exhibitors were informative and relevant, and the networking among professionals was everywhere! This conference was one of our best! We announced winners of the Dennis Martin Memorial Scholarships, the APPA Leadership Institute Scholarship, and the three MASCA Awards; the Carl Robinson Award; the Sal Russoniello Award; and the Founders Award. There is much more about the conference included

inside this newsletter.

This was my last MASCA event as President, as my term ended on June 30, 2013. I would like to thank the Board and membership for their support over my tenure as President. I would also like to thank everyone for recognizing my contributions to MASCA by awarding me the title of President Emeritus. I will carry it proudly. And I'll still be around as a member of the MASCA Board of Trustees for at least two more years!

Henry
MASCA Past President



Past President Henry Alexander

On behalf of myself, Marigold Henderson (DC) newly installed president of MASCA and newly installed Vice President Mary-Rose Worthington (PA), President Elect Joseph Rinaldi (NY), Secretary, Tanesha Clardy (DC), and Treasurer, William Shideliff we also hope everyone is having a great summer which for me always seems to go too fast. Henry ended his unprecedented three terms as president on June 30, 2013 and as you can see under his leadership MASCA has been very busy and productive. It is our goal to maintain that momentum and build the organization through increased membership, visibility in member states, continued development and implementation of our strategic plan and work on providing opportunities for members to get involved throughout the year.

One of the things I love about

MASCA is that under its umbrella of "Corrections" we reach all criminal justice disciplines and encourage networking, and information sharing. For those of you who don't know, MASCA will be back in the District of Columbia in 2014 where we have not presented an annual training conference since 2001. The Theme will be "Integrating Corrections, Sharing the Resources, Responsibility and Power" and the conference will be held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center located on the beautiful grounds of Gallaudet University. We are in the early planning stages and are very excited about bringing you a great conference. Please feel free to share with us any suggestions and ideas you may have for the conference.

With rave reviews, the third "Hope and Help for Justice

Involved Veterans" conference is planned for October 23, 2013 in Bronx, New York (go to www.masca.connection.com for details). MASCA would not exist without the support we receive from membership. As we continue to grow we ask for your continued support, input, and participation. Those of you on social media please friend us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter-MASCA@MASCA8 and we welcome your written articles related to the various criminal justice disciplines and what's new and possible in your state.

Thank you and we look forward hearing from you.

Marigold Henderson,
President, Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association.



President Marigold Henderson

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Get Involved—MASCA Committees

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to share their knowledge and skills by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, contact a committee chair via e-mail.

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Meet MASCA's Officers



Marigold Henderson, MASCA's President, has been a MASCA board member since 2004. She currently works for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) a federal agency where she supervises a team of Presentence Investigators. She has

worked for CSOSA since its inception in 1997 and previously worked in a similar capacity for the D.C. Superior Court. Ms. Henderson holds a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Social Work and a JD from the University of Baltimore. She has spearheaded among others, several important initiatives in her agency such as developing and implementing performance management measures in her Branch, and served as the CSOSA liaison to the D.C. Sentencing Commission in implementing Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines at CSO-

SA. Prior to becoming President, she held the positions of Vice-President from 2009-2013 and President-Elect from 2010-2013. She also chaired the MASCA Policy and Procedure Committee and under her leadership the committee revised, developed and implemented a MASCA conference planning manual, the first comprehensive revision since 1988. Ms. Henderson is the mother of one daughter and enjoys reading, travel, and the practice of Bikram Yoga.

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MASCA News

**HENRY ALEXANDER IS
NAMED
“PRESIDENT EMERITUS”
OF MASCA**
by
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MASCA

Outgoing president Henry Alexander of Maryland has been named MASCA’s “President Emeritus” after an unprecedented three terms in office (2007-2013). This prestigious honor was approved by the MASCA Board of Trustees and publicly announced at the association’s Annual Conference & Training Institute in Ocean City, Maryland. He recently retired as Regional Director in Maryland’s Division of Parole and Probation.

Mr. Alexander is only the second person to have been granted this honor in the 75-year history of MASCA. In 1999, past president Harold Miller of Pennsylvania and author of MASCA’s 50-year history (1938-1988) was designated as MASCA’s first

“President Emeritus”. Mr. Miller passed away in 2012, at age 93.

During Mr. Alexander’s 6 years in office, he provided exceptional leadership to MASCA and was responsible for the following milestones and accomplishments that greatly advanced the profile of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association:

- hired The Chartwell Group USA to carry out Executive Director functions for MASCA,
- launched a FACEBOOK page and TWITTER account for MASCA,
- created a PAYPAL account to permit the on-line payment of conference registration fees and membership dues,
- developed a new MISSION STATEMENT that re-defined the core values of MASCA,
- launched a targeted membership recruitment campaign using a new multi-color brochure designed by The Chartwell Group USA,
- developed a Strategic Plan Project to pursue long-term organizational goals for MASCA,
- initiated formal affiliation with the American Jail Association, in addition to our long-standing relationship with ACA & APPA,
- created a scholarship fund to support a MASCA-sponsored candidate for the APPA Leadership Institute,
- launched an on-line E-NEWSLETTER to bring timely news stories & important announcements to MASCA members,
- sponsored several one-day seminars that focused attention on the under-served offender population of military veterans, and
- promoted the creation of a new President-Elect position to facilitate succession-planning within MASCA.

Congratulations Henry Alexander on your well-deserved honor that rightly acknowledges your legacy and leadership!



Save the Date — MASCA 2014 Annual Conference

MASCA’s 2014 Annual Conference and Training Event will be held from June 11, 2014 through June 14, 2014.

Our 2014 conference will be held at the Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave N.E. Washington, D.C.

For more information, please visit our website at www.masca.us.

Please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/registration.html> for our 2014 conference flyer.

Call for presenter information can be found on our website at <http://www.masca.us/presenter.html>

Information regarding hotel reservations can be found on our website at <http://www.masca.us/reservations.html>

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Joseph Rinaldi
President Elect

Mr. Rinaldi is the Program Coordinator of Staff Development with the Westchester County Probation Department in New York. Joe has been employed by the Westchester County Probation Department since 1987. Joe has been on the MASCA board since 2008, and has served as the conference chairperson for the 2011 MASCA conference in Albany, NY. Joe is a graduate of the American Probation and Parole Association Leadership Institute in 2012, and he served as the President of the New York State Probation Officers Association from 2006 to 2010.

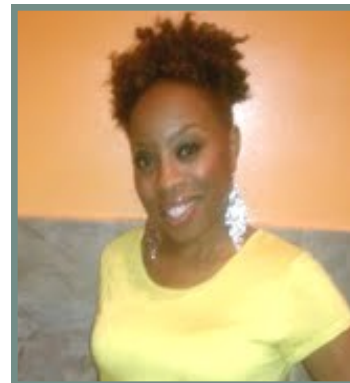
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Mary Rose Worthington
Vice President



William "Bill" Shidleff
Treasurer

Mr. Bill Shideleff is the Treasurer of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He served as Senior Financial Manager for the Bucks County Pennsylvania Courts, Business Manager for the Probation Department and District Courts Financial Manager from 1984 to 2010. Currently, he practices Accounting as a Certified Public Accountant with a regional practice in the Northeast United States.



Tanesha Clardy
Secretary

Tanesha Clardy has been a MASCA Board member since 2011. She has been employed since 2003 with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency as a Community Supervision Officer. She became the first recipient of MASCA's APPA Leadership Institute scholarship and was elected to the position of Secretary in June 2013. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Bowie State University in 2001 and is a 2008 graduate of the University of Baltimore where she earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Ms. Clardy is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the mother of an 8 year old daughter. She is very active in her church and she leads a small support group for single Mothers.

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MASCA Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By Anthony Czarnecki, Executive Director, MASCA



The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) marked the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1938 at its Annual Conference & Training Institute in Ocean City, Maryland on June 9-12, 2013. The theme of this historic event was: *"Looking Toward Tomorrow, Building on Yesterday"*.

In his welcoming message to conference participants, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley praised MASCA's legacy: "As the leading regional organization for professionals in institutional corrections, community corrections, and juvenile services, your outstanding commitment to providing the best training opportunities to members allows us to move forward in all phases of the criminal justice system, including crime and delinquency control, treatment, and probation and parole."

MASCA's 2013 annual conference included 35 training workshops and three plenary sessions, which featured the following presenters:

- Sam Abed, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services,
- Laurel Albin, Manager of Juvenile Justice Policy at the Pew Charitable Trusts; Elizabeth K. Lyon and Marc Pelka, Program Directors on State Initiatives at the Council of State Governments, and
- Debbie Kempl – Victim Services Advisory Board in Montgomery County, MD and Jessica Harris – Montgomery County Department of Corrections/ Pre-Trial Services.

MASCA honored its living past presidents at a special luncheon that featured remarks by Gary Maynard, Secretary of the MD Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services. In attendance was: Diane Barber of Connecticut (2001-2003), Peter Brill of New Jersey (2003-2005), Anthony Czarnecki of New York (1997-1999), Michael Frey of Pennsylvania (1999-2001), James Morris of the District of Columbia (1983-1985), and outgoing president Henry Alexander of Maryland (2007-2013). Mr. Alexander was named "President Emeritus" in recognition of his unprecedented three terms in office and his outstanding contributions to MASCA.

MASCA honored several award recipients during its 2013 Annual Conference & Training Institute in Ocean City, Maryland:

- Terry Kokolis, Superintendent of the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities (CARL ROBINSON LEADERSHIP AWARD),
- Deborah J. Richardson, Director of the Baltimore County Department of Corrections (SAL RUSSONIELLO SERVICE AWARD),
- J. Michael Stouffer, Deputy Secretary for Operations at the MD Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services (HAROLD MILLER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD), and
- James O'Neill, Director of the Baltimore County Department of Corrections (MASCA FOUNDERS CAREER AWARD).

The following recipients of MASCA's "Dennis R. Martin Memorial Scholarship" were announced at the annual Conference:

- Capt. Jared Shandrowsky of the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities, who will be pursuing a graduate degree in criminal justice at Fort Hays State University, and
- Office Coordinator Kenya Savoy of the Baltimore County Department of Corrections, who will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in criminal justice at the Community College of Baltimore County.

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District of Columbia

**You've Got Questions?
The PSI's Got Answers
by
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Given the wealth of information it provides, the Presentence Report (PSR) is perhaps the single most valuable document across the corrections field. Unfortunately, it is often underutilized by those who serve the offender population. The PSI provides a snapshot of each offender by detailing individual needs, identifying strengths, and making recommendations for interventions. Without it, case managers, probation/parole officers, and others in the corrections field have to start at ground zero in their interactions with offenders. Employees in corrections are stressed and sometimes overworked without creating extra work for themselves, so why not take advantage of the valuable resources made available by your peers? In this article, a number of topics, including the importance of the presentence investigation, what kind of information is captured in the PSR, and how it can be used in the field, are explained.

First, it is important to understand that, in the United States, the presentence investigation is older than probation itself! In 1841, a Boston

cobbler by the name of John Augustus paved the road for probation by evaluating offenders and offering bail money out of his own pocket. He determined which individuals were deserving of his assistance by collecting information about them, including personal details and their criminal history, and then used his findings in an effort to convince judges to release certain offenders so that he could help them find employment. Augustus' investigative efforts initiated an overhaul of the criminal justice system by promoting the idea that criminals can be reformed and should not simply be punished. Currently, the PSR finds its first audience in judges, who, like Augustus, use the information to determine whether or not a defendant is a good candidate for probation supervision.

Fortunately for PSR writers who invest hours into interviewing, investigating, and writing about defendants, their reports are not just viewed by judges prior to sentencing. Instead, they travel with the offender throughout the criminal justice system. The large audience for Presentence Reports, which also includes prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, case managers, corrections staff, probation and parole officers, the parole board, and warrant squads, is due to the variety of information contained in each report. The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) uses a hybrid report, combin-

ing an offense-based report, which addresses only the instant offense and criminal history, and an offender-based report, which analyzes the offender's background from a rehabilitative perspective. Blending these two kinds of reports allows the PSR to fully capture a defendant's thoughts, experiences, and behaviors in order to analyze the relationships among the three elements. Talking to the offender about the instant offense allows an investigator to not only determine why the person may have committed the crime, but also provides an opportunity to assess both acceptance of responsibility and remorse. Another component of an offense-based report, the criminal history, offers a complete account of the defendant's offending behaviors and provides a score that is used to determine sentencing guidelines.

The bulk of a CSOSA presentence report is written to provide a snapshot of the defendant's life outside of the criminal justice system. Judges, and other criminal justice professionals who read PSRs, would have an easy time obtaining a simple criminal history report; however, a basic understanding of someone's past criminal activities does not provide the kind of insight necessary to be able to modify behavior. Despite multiple pendulum swings in crime policy and corrections practices in the

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past, there has been a fundamental shift away from harsh punitive measures and toward rehabilitative practices. In order to make positive changes in a person's life, and consequently to reduce recidivism, which should be a primary goal of any corrections agency, one must first try to determine why and how a person has made the kinds of decisions that resulted in apprehension and adjudication. To do so, investigators spend hours interviewing defendants, their family members, friends, employers, and other collateral contacts in an effort to gain such information. At CSOSA, PSR writers focus on an offender's social history, which includes the following sections: family history, education and training, military experience, marital status and living arrangements, sexual history (in the case of sex offender reports), financial status, health (both physical and mental), and substance abuse.

By collecting this wide variety of information, investigators

are able to provide an unbiased evaluation of each defendant as an individual rather than just as someone who has committed a crime. They attempt to make conclusions regarding how the defendant's past experiences have influenced their thought patterns and then how those thoughts have translated to criminal behavior. Through such thoughtful analysis, PSR writers can begin to determine what kinds of interventions are necessary in order to correct cognitive distortions and whether or not the offender will be able to benefit from the guidance, support, and resources available to him either in the community or in jail.

A thorough review of a PSR can provide criminal justice professionals with so much information about an offender before they even have an opportunity to meet or interact. The many details contained in the report can not only help officers to quickly develop rapport with offenders and their support system in the community, but they can help to guide interactions because the individual's stage of change has already been identified. When used regularly, PSRs can also increase offender accountability by helping officers to recognize discrepancies and verify disclosures. They should also be used to help ensure that each offender has the opportunities to address his/her individualized needs, which they may have acknowledged during the

presentence investigation process, but are less willing to address once they are assigned to a corrections agency. Information sharing of this magnitude needs to be a two way street. During the presentence investigation, diagnostic officers rely heavily on official records to document the defendant's previous experience in the criminal justice system, including conditions of release, compliance, opportunities and resources available, willingness to accept help, and overall attitude toward committing to a pro-social lifestyle. Therefore, it is essential that all corrections staff, whether in institutions or in the community, keep detailed and accurate records of their interactions with offenders. Such cooperation will allow officers to provide the best service to the offender population and to keep communities safe.

For information about how CSOSA presentence writers utilize Motivational Interviewing and Evidenced Based Practices to collect information, draw conclusions, and make sentencing and intervention recommendations, look for Part Two of 'You've Got Questions? The PSI's Got Answers' in the next edition of the MASCA Connection.

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Maryland

BCF Hosts Second Annual Re-Entry Conference May 23rd submitted by Margaret Chippendale



The theme for this year's Re-Entry Conference was "A Clear Vision Equals a Brighter Future." On a bright clear day in May, approximately 70 inmates from BCF and JPRU were offered a new way of life. The agenda for the day presented these men with a plethora of opportunities. Presenters from the Baltimore Metropolitan area provided opportunities for change. Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System Warden Betty Johnson welcomed the attendees and stated this was a positive step in a new direction. She expressed the hope that this conference would provide an avenue.



The keynote speaker was Howard Wicker

from The Living Classrooms Foundation. Mr. Wicker's Foundation provides mentoring services for ex-offenders.

The Conference agenda was action packed with presenters from approximately 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The presenters included the DPSCS Community Supervision, the Point of Change Jail and Street Ministry (mentoring), Post Recovery (Recovery Services). Our Daily Bread Employment Services/Christopher Place Employment Academy (long-term post incarceration halfway house for homeless and ex-offenders). New Transitions (mentoring), Post Recovery (recovery services). People Encouraging People (family services), Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (employment and training). The Philemon Ministry (ministry for ex-inmates), MCVET (veteran services), Greater Homeward Community Corporation, Adult Literacy (education post incarceration).

During breakout sessions during the course of the day, the

attendees were able to speak and network with vendors from the Institute for Family Centered Services (family services), Point of Change Jail and Street Ministry (mentoring), New Transitions (mentoring), Post Recovery Services (recovery and substance abuse treatment), Pratt Free Library (education, resume writing), MCVET (ex-offender veterans' services). The breakout sessions provided the inmate with the opportunity to speak with an organization that best suited his individual needs.

At the conclusion of the day's events, the attendees were surveyed as to the effectiveness of the conference. The overwhelming response was very positive. This Re-Entry initiative was months in the planning. BCF Facility Administrator Dionne Randolph facilitated and moderated the conference. Special thanks go to BCF staff, JPRU FA Michele Jones, and SMPRU FA David B. Towers for their tireless work. Per Warden Betty Johnson, the committee has done an excellent job!

MASCA - Who We Are

MASCA is the leading regional interdisciplinary organization for professionals in the related fields of institutional corrections, community corrections, and juvenile services. We are your regional affiliate for both the American Correctional Association and the American Probation and Parole Association.



Our membership includes professionals at the state, county, and federal levels, primarily in the seven member jurisdictions, but we welcome criminal justice professionals and students from anywhere in North America. We are committed to providing the best training opportunities in our region and are looking for other ways to serve our membership as well.

Visit our website at www.corrections.com/masca for more information.

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MASCA Connection Schedule

The MASCA Connection is the Newsletter for the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association. Listed below, you will find our quarterly publication schedule. We invite you to share your stories. Stories should be sent to masca.connection@gmail.com.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the e-mail address above.

Month of Quarterly Newsletter	Content Due Date	MASCA Connection Published
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April	March 1st	April 15th
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New York

New York Probation Center's New Tack on Rehabilitation

by

Adam Phillips

NEW YORK — Probation offices, where convicts must report regularly as an alternative to prison time, tend to be grim places.

But New York City is experimenting with a new kind of probation office — community-based, client-centered and attractive — that is putting a dent in the number of probation violations and repeat offenses.

South Bronx-based Neighborhood Opportunity Network, known as "NeON," is situated in one of New York's — and thereby America's — highest crime districts.

With regular poetry slams, on-site health screenings and fun job networking events, it's not what you'd expect of an inner-city probation center.

Lonni Tanner, Chief Change Officer for the New York City Department of Design and

Construction, and Executive Director of See ChangeNYC, is in charge of improving city service centers. She transformed the old office space into something more inspiring.

"I saw a lot of people waiting, nothing going on," she says. "I thought, what if, in fact, this could be a place of doing rather than waiting?"

New York City Probation Commissioner Vincent Schiraldi, who was responsible for putting the NeON program into several high-crime neighborhoods, says client engagement was a primary focus.

"What it's really about is increasing public safety by engaging our clients productively, so they are part of their own rehabilitative process," he says. "It's not just something being done to them."

While NeON's approach represents a sea change for many probation officers who are accustomed to the "trail 'em, nail 'em and jail 'em" way of doing things, most have been won over by the strategy, some of them even participat-

ing in weekly poetry workshops offered by the facility's Poet-in-Residence Dave Johnson.

"The poems are here, they're alive. They're within the people," says Johnson, explaining that he believes poetry encourages soul searching and peaceful, effective communication.

Each of his workshops ends with a poetry slam where probationers, staff and community members can share their work.

With eighty percent of the organization's clients successfully completing their periods of probation — and the number released from probation early for good behavior has increased fivefold — some are beginning to find poetry in NeON's success rate.

Story from <http://www.voanews.com/content/new-york-city-probation-center-bronx/1726973.html>



Pennsylvania

[Bucks drug court offers a way out of jail for some addicts who've turned to crime](#)

Story can be found at: http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the_intelligencer_news/bucks-drug-court-offers-a-way-out-of-jail-for/article_5254407e-d45e-5e33-a424-3b5695085f16.html

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Hope and Help for Justice Involved Veterans—Albany

By Henry Alexander



Henry Alexander, MASCA President, William "Bill" Payne, MASCA Board Member, and Jonathan Pollard, VA Healthcare for Reentry Veterans

On May 8, 2013 MASCA partnered with the Veterans Administration to present the second "Hope and Help for Justice Involved Veterans" conference. This time the location was the VA Health Care Upstate New York learning center in Albany. The 65 attendees included professionals from New York state and county corrections, parole and probation, reentry teams, and Veterans Administration specialists. Several representatives from the Connecticut Veterans Administration and DOC were also in attendance. MASCA President Henry Alexander and MASCA Board members Joe Rinaldi (NY) and Valerie Walker Trusty (CT) were also present.

After President Alexander welcomed the attendees, NY DOC Veterans Guidance Specialist Susan Verbeke described the state of veterans in New York corrections (corrections and parole and probation). She also included a showing of the video "Suits" in her presentation. She was followed by Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Dr. Linda Schwartz, who spoke on the topic of Connecticut's response to justice involved vets. The morning ended with a presentation by Courtney Slade, Jonathan Pollack, and George Basher, all of the Veterans Administration. They spoke on a variety of issues

including outreach and identification of justice involved vets, eligibility and referral, ineligible persons who served, services provided by the VA, referrals for services, and coordination between the VA and the various correctional agencies.

After lunch a panel of service providers described in detail services available to veterans. Panelists included Thomas Stefanko of the CT Department of Veterans Affairs, Tom Maskell of the CT DOC, Joe Sluszka (CEO) and Glenn Read from the Albany Housing Coalition, Jim Peluso from Soldier On!, and Bob Nevins from the Saratoga War Horse. At the conclusion of the panel discussion, a veteran spoke to the attendees about his legal problems and how he was helped through referrals and services from the VA.



Service Provider's Panel

The day concluded with a series of breakout sessions. The sessions included Andrew Geary from the National Coalition for Homeless Vets, whose topic was homelessness; Matt Stiner from Justice for Vets, whose topic was Veterans Courts; Bill Payne formerly from the Rensselaer County Reentry Task Force (and newly elected to the MASCA Board of Trustees), whose topic was reentry in New York; and Veterans Ad-

ministration Suicide Prevention Specialist Joe Hunter, whose topic was suicide prevention. These four breakouts were repeated twice to give participants the opportunity to select and attend two of them.

MASCA thanks all of the presenters and speakers for donating their time to share their expertise with the correctional and VA professionals in attendance. Special thanks go to the Veterans Administration Albany for hosting the conference and arranging for free parking for attendees. MASCA provided lunch and the VA provided snacks during the breaks. The setting could not have been more comfortable for those in attendance.

Like the original "Hope and help for Justice Involved Veterans" conference held in Maryland in 2012, the Albany conference was well received and earned positive comments from those in attendance. MASCA believes this is an important topic and one that is not regularly included in correctional agencies' training curriculum. Look for MASCA to present this conference in additional locations in the MASCA region in future months. Your membership dues and annual conference registration fees help make these programs possible.

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June 24, 2013

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to recognize the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) as you celebrate your 75th Anniversary. Although I was unable to be with you all in person, I hope you had a productive conference.

Since 1938, MASCA has dedicated its efforts to supporting our Nation's judicial system. Our Country and our fellow citizens are safer because of the commitment of groups like the MASCA, and the selfless dedication of your members. Your profession is not an easy one, but each of you has devoted yourself to higher cause: a lifetime of serving, protecting, and helping others. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the incredible work you do each and every day.

Again, congratulations on your 75th Anniversary. I wish MASCA and all its members the best in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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For additional information, please contact Dawn Pearson at masca.connection@gmail.com.

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MASCA is greatly indebted to the following members of the 2013 Conference Planning Committee, who organized a high-quality training experience for all attendees:

Dawn Pearson _ Conference Chair,
Brenda Shell-Eleazer – Conference Co-Chair,
Deborah Richardson – Program Chair,
MaryAnn Thomson – Banquet & Luncheon Chair,
Larry Glover – Finance & Registration Chair,
Renata Seergae – Publications Chair,
Charvette Henson-Smith – Reception, Hospitality & Transportation Chair,
Danielle Lueking – Publicity & Marketing Chair,
Sara Norris – Silent Auction Chair, and
Valerie Williams – Silent Auction Co-Chair.

Silent auction proceeds were donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore.

MASCA announced that its 2014 Annual Conference & Training Institute would take place at the Kellogg Conference Hotel on the campus of Gallaudet University in Washington, DC on June 11-14, 2014 (Wednesday – Saturday). Visit our website at www.masca.us for conference announcements and plan now to attend!

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IN MEMORIAM: DR. GERALD W. LYNCH (1937-2013)

By Anthony Czarnecki, Executive Director, MASCA



Dr. Gerald W. Lynch, President Emeritus of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, recently passed away after a brief illness. He was 76 and was the recipient of the “MASCA FOUNDERS CAREER AWARD” in 2004.

A graduate of Fordham University, Dr. Lynch earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from NYU and was named Dean of Students at John Jay College (CUNY) in 1968. He later was promoted to Vice President. In 1975, following the resignation of Dr. Donald H. Riddle, Dr. Lynch was named Acting President of John Jay College in the middle of New York City’s fiscal crisis. When the City University Board of Trustees attempted to close or merge John Jay College, Dr. Lynch risked his job and rallied internal and external support for maintaining John Jay College as an institution of higher learning with a unique mission in criminal justice education. John Jay College was saved and Dr. Lynch was formally installed as its third President in 1977.

As the college’s longest-serving President (28 years), Dr. Lynch doubled enrollment to over 14,000 students, expanded graduate degree offerings, created a Ph.D. program, launched a faculty exchange program with Bramshill College in Great Britain, secured financing for a new campus at 11th Avenue and 59th Street in Manhattan, and transformed John Jay College into a first-rate learning center with an international reputation.

Dr. Lynch was close to many professional and labor organizations in the criminal justice field. He was Chair of the New York City Police Foundation and served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). In 1999, Dr. Lynch authored Human Dignity and the Police: Ethics and Integrity in Police Work, which became the basis for a law enforcement training course that has now been taught in 40 countries. He retired in 2004.

A special scholarship fund has been created to honor the leadership and legacy of Dr. Lynch. Contributions are invited to the “Dr. Gerald W. Lynch Scholarship Fund”, c/o John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 West 59th Street, New York, New York 10019.